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 Serial No.: 10/651,207
 Filed: August 29, 2003
 Art Unit: 1636
 Examiner: K. Katcheves
Docket No.: 99-006-DIV

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 p.);
2. A Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.126(a) with authorization to Charge Deposit Account No. 18-0582 (2 pp.); and
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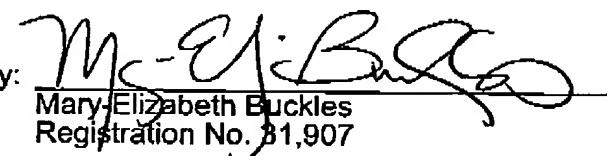
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Invention Title CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN GENES OF INTEREST				
TO THE DIRECTOR - U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Transmitted herewith is an amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional claim fee is required. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fee has been calculated as shown below: 				
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